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Dear Joe:

When Warren and I were out last fall you may remember that we discussed with you the problem of how to launch effective work on an input-output analysis of the Soviet economy.

We agreed at that time that this could be done most effectively by someone working intimately with those in the Government, and specifically in CIA, engaged in the detailed analysis of particular industries.

On the other hand, we have no one on deck here competent to tackle this problem. As you may remember, we discussed in a tentative sort of way whether you might find it possible to assign [REDACTED] to us to "straw boss" such a job for a period of months. I am writing now to ask whether you would be willing to consider this possibility somewhat more seriously.

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Let me know your general reaction to this. If you or Charlie are going to be East in the near future we could discuss it at that time.

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Many thanks for the various things you have sent us recently, especially the [REDACTED] study which is turning out to be of very great usefulness to us.

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Sincerely yours,

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